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Once Archangel Gabriel heard the voice of God from heaven - God blessed some man. Angel said: "It must be an important servant of the Most High, he must be some Holy hermit, a wise man".

An Angel came down to Earth to find such man, but could not find him either in heaven or on Earth. Then he turned to God and said, "Dear Lord! Show me the way to the subject of your love".

And God answered, "Go to the village, and you will see light in a small temple."

Angel went down to the temple and saw that there was a man praying in front of the idol. Angel returned to God and said: "My Lord, do really look at idolater with love?"

God said: "I don't look at how incorrectly he understands me. None of the people can understand me, what I am, exactly. And even the greatest wise man of people is just as far from the true understanding of what I am, as this man. I look not at the mind but at the heart. And the heart of this man is seeking Me and therefore is close to Me."